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SETTING UP OF US/ SOUTH ASIAN UNIVERSITY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up some US Universities and South Asian Universities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the name of places identified for the purpose; and

(c) the time by when these Universities are likely to be established?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c): While the Central Government has no proposal to set up US Universities, in the country, there is a proposal to set up a South Asian University. An Intergovernmental Agreement on establishment of the South Asian University was signed during the 14tn SAARC Summit held in New Delhi on April 3-4, 2007. An Intergovernmental Steering Committee will be set up to consider, inter alia, matters related to the Charter, by-laws, rules and regulations, curriculum development, business plan, infrastructure development, selection of faculty members and other issues.